

The Voice of God: God's Word | Part Two

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Today, in this spiritual warfare that is raging and manifesting in this world, there are multiple voices that are desperately competing for our attention and minds. But we must hear and know the voice of our Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit apart from and over the voices of lies and deception.

1. We're living in a day and time that we must be able to discern what is God and what is not from God.

Jesus warned us!!

Matthew 24:4 (NKJV): 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Voices that Deceive: To lead away from truth by taking truth out of its original context to fit into a false narrative

Jesus Himself had to spiritually discern between people with good intentions but had deceptive thoughts and then spoke words that were in complete opposition to God's directives.

Mark 8:31-33 NKJV... 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

The Apostle Paul warned us about the voices of deception in the last days.

1 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV): 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons... (wait a minute, how would the devil get demonic doctrine into the Church?)

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJV): 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers (teachers), transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The Apostle Peter shows how this deception enters the Church especially in the last days.

2 Peter 3:10-18 (NKJV): 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens

and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. (Luke 4:9-12 NKJV) 17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

2. How does God speak to us today and how can we protect ourselves from being deceived?

Hebrews 1:1-2 (AMP): 1 IN MANY separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets, (Dreams, Visions, Angels, Judges, A Burning Bush, & Direct Speech) 2 [But] in the last of these days He has spoken (to express thoughts, opinions, or feelings orally) to us in [the person of a] Son (Jesus), Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order]. 3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-ricing or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power...

Jesus was and is the Word of God.

John 1:1 (NKJV): 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*We know God's voice by knowing His Word and then obeying every Word.

Deuteronomy 15:5 (NKJV): 5 only if you carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NKJV): 1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God...

Every time you read the scripture, you're hearing your voice re-voice the voice of God. Every time the Word of God is taught or preached in the right context, you're hearing the voice of God.

The Holy Spirit will only speak to you in terms of truth that has already been written and He will bring to remembrance the truth that you have read, heard, and renewed your mind to.

John 14:26 (NKJV): 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (AMP): 16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), 17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalms 119:9-11...How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it]. With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for and of You and yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments. Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.